

PUBLIC NOTICE – REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on DEQ's determination of *tentative compliance* for the regional water supply plan developed by the County of Charlotte and the towns of Charlotte Court House, Drakes Branch, Keysville, and Phenix, in accordance with §9 VAC 25-780, et seq., Local and Regional Water Supply Planning regulation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 12/04/2012 – 01/07/2013

DESCRIPTION OF WATER SUPPLY PLAN: The Charlotte County Regional Water Supply Plan (the "Plan") and the associated Drought Response Contingency Plan, dated July 2011, identifies existing water sources within the planning area, estimates current and future water demand, and assesses the need for additional sources for future water supply. DEQ has issued a *tentative determination of compliance* to Susan Adams, Deputy County Administrator for the County of Charlotte. Following is a summary of the Plan.

Charlotte County is located in the Roanoke River drainage basin. The towns own and operate their own community water systems that provide water to all users within town limits and to some areas immediately beyond town limits. With the exception of Keysville, which obtains its water from the Keysville Reservoir, a surface water impoundment of Spring Creek, the towns rely on ground water sources for water supply. Ground water also supplies water to those homes and businesses within the County located outside of community water system service areas.

Charlotte County is expected to experience moderate growth over the next 50 years, primarily in and around the towns. As the customer base of the various community water systems expand, additional infrastructure and source capacity will be required. The water supply plan recommends several alternatives for meeting this additional demand in the future: clarification of the safe yield for the Keysville Reservoir; development of additional ground water supply in the towns of Drakes Branch, Charlotte Court House and Phenix; development of a water treatment plant at the Drakes Branch Lake; and system interconnection of Charlotte Court House with either Drakes Branch or Keysville, and Drakes Branch with Keysville.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ no later than close of business on January 7, 2013. The water supply plan is available from the contact below or on the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov. Upon review of written comments submitted in response to this public notice, DEQ staff will make a *final compliance determination* decision.

CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Ms. Tammy Stephenson, Program Coordinator, Office of Water Supply, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019; Phone: 540-562-6828; E-mail: tammy.stephenson@deq.virginia.gov.